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Thought for the Week: Australia Day - Something to Celebrate

Dear Reader,

It is interesting to note the mutterings of a few people each Australia Day, giving vent to their ignorance of Australian History when they complain of the date, 26th January, as the day to celebrate nationhood. It is not the date that offends but Australia Day itself. They will not be happy until all of our cultural celebrations are consigned to the 'black hole' of 'white' memory.

Australian history and the building of this Nation since 1788 is something to really celebrate!

The early settlement was part of a deliberate plan, driven by pseudo economics, as European countries sought to protect and expand their trade routes. It is still happening today with Asian and other Nations.

The early settlers brought with them, their political, religious and cultural beliefs and were ordered by the King of the day, George Ill, to befriend any indigenous people as they settled the new land - this they did!

The convict element were also selected for the skills they could contribute to developing the new land ... yes, it was a form of conscripted labour but many were far better off than they would have been in the old country.
You would not think so reading the socially engineered history taught today.

The American War of Independence started in 1776, two years before Governor Philip sailed into Botany Bay with the First Fleet. The bloody French Revolution of 1789 signaled great change in Europe. World events moved along with the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and then the Battle of Waterloo in 1812.

Meanwhile the early settlers here were building a home for future generations- to quote the words from the National Anthem-*"it was wealth for toil"* and they did toil!

America had a destructive Civil War in 1861 and some of the survivors made their way here to begin a new life. Australians have never experienced that type of war horror but came close in Darwin during 1942.

To celebrate Australia Day is far more than a form of 'beat-up jingoism' but recognition of a Nation with a system of government that allows dissident views while welcoming foreigners to live here under our rules. Australia is one of the first countries to offer help to countries in need - compare that to the record of others!

There is much more to tell but the modern socialist indoctrinated historian can only write about 'invasion day' and 'black wars' but never a mention of the work of Daisy Bates, lon Idriess and other writers who lived through the times.

Don't take my word for it-read *Botany Bay: the Real Story* by Professor Alan Frost or *Journey to Canberra: By road from Sydney in search of history and curiosa* by Frank Clune. Be selective with your historical education because there is much written coloured by 'Marxist theory' and it is all red. Australia has much to celebrate and may have some perceived imperfections but please show us a better place to live, and then share it with the 'boat-people'

In the meantime, the Prime Minister is making another call for a republic-look around-there is not one republic on the planet worth emulating. Heaven forbid-we could finish up with one of that lot in Canberra as the first president.

Yes, celebrate Australia Day, look out for your friends and neighbours, and reject the political correctness fostered by the new elite as you sing with great gusto, "Australians all let us rejoice". ***Louis Cook Numurkah Jan 2018*** ***

Did we see a Liberal betrayal of Parliamentary Process?
By Neville Archibald

How do you reconcile the political machinations of the leading parties with the idea of good governance. How do you stay out of the debate on who is really running this country and for whom are they running it? How do you come to accept that the policies being implemented are effectively destroying our communities. Changing the very nature of the way we live?

Whatever happened to self determination?

I made a mistake believing that due process would happen! When our PM Anthony Albanese, said to the opposition, what do you want? (in regard to the hate speech and gun restriction laws that were pushed through at warp speed), I figured the liberal response would be due consideration.

Labor's bill was criticised for both it's content and the speed of it's implementation. It left no real time for discussion, let alone the perusal of the 7,000 odd submissions made about it. Labor put the ball into the oppositions court and we then found that these criticisms didn't mean anything in reality. Once the liberals had the ball, they also rammed it through, with only minimal discussion. Within the coalition itself, the modifications and intentions were

given limited time for discussion. Complaints from many quarters about the 'party' making executive decisions and leaving all others to follow. The coalition is sounding more and more like the Labor party. This has led to the Nationals splitting away, due to this inability to have themselves heard.

I expected the opposition to allow debate, to look carefully at submissions. Sadly they reacted exactly as had Labor. 'We know best', 'this is it', no true discussion allowed. Party room elites deciding the changes, with no time for the average person to react or complain (not even time for their national party colleagues to properly address concerns). The liberals had the potential to do the right thing by the voting public, they chose not to. They betrayed us!

I must admit, I was not as shocked as many others, especially the Nationals - so it seems. My disgust at both major parties goes back decades, but I did expect more than the two day scrutiny that eventuated. I was also hoping that the retrospective nature of this bill would be a bigger sticking point for the coalition.

Then I watched as David Littleproud was being grilled over the nationals decision to opt out. *Sky* agenda, the *ABC* and many others then focused on pushing this divide. When they couldn't make a lot of mileage out of that, they began to focus on placing the Nationals in the bad light, as though they created the split. The media was aggressive and seemed more interested in playing party against party, instead of focusing on the betrayal of the process of parliament. The fact that little real oversight of the resultant bill was allowed for, and on how it would have been impossible to read all of the 7,000 something public submissions, let alone understand the concepts expressed. That our legislators were happy to force through a wide reaching and potentially very destructive of free speech bill. They attacked the very people that stood up for proper parliamentary process.

This interview was particularly obnoxious as far as I am concerned.
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Sky news, who usually present a slightly less biased view, totally failed to come to terms with the political issue here on this bill, instead, attacking Littleproud and driving home the wedge between National and Liberal. I had to turn it off, it sickened me that the real issue was not even discussed: the dangers of a rushed process which gags true debate. These are laws that will be used to limit freedom of speech, and the legal right to own guns. This far reaching potential should have set off alarms in a truly free media. Social media is reacting big time, but the established lot, what can I say? Are they really that owned?

It is the fundamental right of all representatives to read and understand incoming proposed legislation. To make any sort of decision, time is needed. When the Party system corrupts this process and simply instructs the direction of the vote, your representative must follow or risk losing a portfolio or the right to pre-selection in the next election. The Senators in the National party who held positions, felt obliged to offer resignation over this issue, to try to force the Liberal powers to re examine their haste. We saw where that went!

Whatever happened to the constitutional concept of it being illegal to coerce the vote of a sitting member.

> *'Interference with a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator in the discharge of their duty—which includes voting—can be treated as contempt of the House.*
>
> • ***Intimidation:*** *Threatening, bribing, or attempting to influence a member's vote through threats or harassment is a contempt.'*
>
> (This from *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987.*)

While I am not a constitutional lawyer, if the Senator or member who is representing me is 'coerced' in such a fashion by the 'party' to vote against his/her belief of what their constituents want, is that not a bad thing! Does that not make a mockery of the reasons we elect them.

As far as I am concerned, Parliament has degraded itself to the point where it little resembles any form of the original intent to be voice for the people of this nation. It seems to be now a law unto itself and no longer cares for the very people who elect it. There are still a few who try to do the right thing, but now even the media (who should be trying to report the truth) no longer seem to uphold the peoples right to have a say. The arguments around this whole debacle seem concerned to push the idea that the party rules us, rather than they rule according to the wants of people of this nation. Reporting on the power play within this corrupted system and the personalities, becomes the 'show' instead of treating politics as the intention to uphold the desires of the population.

A book written in 1911, by Hilaire Belloc and Cecil Chesterton, entitled *The Party System*, expands on what was seen even then, as a corruption of the ideals of proper democracy in action. Why we still have such a system doing it's damnedest to place power in a small group rather than expand the process to be a better representation of the desires of a nation, begs the question of just how we have allowed this to continue for more than a century, when the clear evidence of it's corrupting influence was seen even then. While the book deals with English parliament, the concepts and recognitions are still entirely valid.

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> *'The object of this book is to support the tendency now everywhere apparent and finding expression, a tendency to expose and ridicule as it deserves,' to destroy and to supplant the system under which Parliament, the governing institution of this country, has been rendered null.*
>
> *We write to show why governments suddenly abandon causes which they have enthusiastically espoused, and why Oppositions tolerate such abandonment and lend themselves to such manoeuvres. The former are less obliged to consider the will of the people than to consult the sense of the Governing Group of which they are for the time the representatives, while the latter are less anxious to overthrow their rivals than to preserve the system which in due course, and by the connivance of those rivals, will bring to them also the opportunities and emoluments of office.*

A sincere conviction common to a rapidly increasing number of men that, under the present international and domestic condition of England the game is not only farcical but perilous, has supplied our chief motive .'

There has been an increase in the despair created by party politics (or it could be more an awareness of the fact that they are acting as a uni-party) which has seen primary votes fall. With this dissatisfaction comes the parties ever increasing reliance on manipulation of the preferential vote to keep or obtain power.

In 2013, the Liberals came in on 45.5% primary vote. In the last News-poll survey this has decreased to 21% primary. The Labor party figures are not much different. This in itself is an encouraging sign. How we wake up those voters who just don't see it - is anyone's guess. Perhaps the very actions of the parties themselves will be our saviour!

Continuing on with this Party theme!

Are we seeing the death of the party system? I sure hope so!

Perhaps it is time for the failed concept of Party politics to leave the stage. Bow out before the gong is sounded. What should be embraced by all, is a return to true representative governing. Where the first allegiance of a member elected to parliament, is the constituency. The very people of the electorate that gave them their job.

The very clash of the coalition has been for this basic reason. The Nationals believed that their constituents would not have wanted them to vote as the Liberals were asking them to. One step further, takes us to the original concept expressed in our system, that each member is beholden to those who elected them. Not a party or a small group of power brokers, the population entire – as best they can. Why is that so much to ask?

In another short book, *Our Sham Democracy* (A bit newer this time, written in 1946), by James Guthrie, he discusses many of the things we are still seeing today. Of the party system, he says:

'Both parties have helped and encouraged the growth of monopolies and cartels, and large trade unions wherein the individual has become a mere cog in the machine having practically no say in the policy of those vast organisations. The determined policy of both parties has been to deprive individuals of any chance of establishing their independence and to force them to be dependent on the charity of the State as administered by the party boss and his henchmen.' *pg 9*

and

'The apparent detachment of the party leaders from the needs and wishes of the people is astonishing; and the inability of the people to get any relief from the simplest of political ailments is a matter of history. Accordingly, the sigh of relief when one government is voted out of office is only equalled when its successor shares the same fate.' also *pg 9.*

What else does he say about the actions we have just seen in our parliament?

Remember, this was written in 1946.

> *'In theory, the people are supposed to have a free. choice of candidates, and candidates, when elected, are supposed to represent the people in parliament. These representatives are supposed to discuss problems in open debate in parliament, and then to vote on them as their electorates wish them to vote. That is the theory. In practice, of course, nothing like this happens.*
> *What does happen is that the party candidates are selected before elections, and they depend on the backing of the party machine for their success.*
> *When elected, they also depend on their party bosses for promotion, for the right to sit on committees, and for other perquisites of office. For any representative to vote against his party would be, in all but a minority of cases, to commit political*
> *suicide.*
> *Armed with these powers of coercion, the party bosses experience little trouble from rebels, and decide beforehand how the voting shall go in parliament. Parliament, therefore, is no longer the place where the laws of the country are made; even the debates therein are unheard and unread by the public. For all effective purposes, parliament has almost ceased to exist.'*

All the way through this 60 page booklet are gems of observation. Coupled with the now somewhat dated historical facts, it paints not just a picture of what we have seen happen; but, also allows us to see today's parallels in them. By page 26, Guthrie begins on the international journey, with the Bretton Woods agreement. For many the beginning of Internationalism.

In offering some constructive advice, he starts by laying out principles of self government. Putting forth the understandings we must have to both recognise and react to how we keep it honest and truly representative. Rather than waiting for a mob, or Party to do this reacting for us (as they like to say, on our behalf), he insists that:

> *"... power to do things and to move things is still essentially a personal matter, and individual initiative is still the most dynamic thing in this world. A few men in each State who know what they are about, and who are willing to fight for their beliefs, would, I believe, transform any State-and do so in a very short time. What is necessary is exact knowledge, competence, and the will to fight."*

Of course, getting control of parliament back into the hands of the populace is only a small part of changing the direction we are travelling in. A necessary one indeed, we need it to make a start on rebuilding our world in a better way, a more human friendly way. The other part is understanding exactly what we want. In understanding just how much of a difference we could potentially see. The whole world is in flux at the moment, and if one Nation can make a better go of it, then others will follow. The fact that our wealth is being monetised as a debt to be repaid, makes a mockery of what I call Gods increase. That which is

just an extension of the natural world. One kernel of corn gives us a plant with a minimum of two ears, each having around a thousand kernels each. Does this not make a mockery of everything as a debt. A 2,000 fold increase! This example is but one small part of the life of plenty that could be achieved, given a correct view of reality, coupled with a monetary system that reflected it.

While we seem to 'harp on' about Social Credit, and the Douglas solution, it is only because that very concept of a life more abundant is a real one. The false scarcity of Keynesian economics puts us all in a slave state and denies us our own ability to advance. Until you look at the possibilities of what could be, you will never know the reality of what might be.

Keep reading!

In a world with an infinite ability to create and produce, more so than ever before, why do we tolerate poverty.

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Ezra Pound and a short discussion on the reality of what money really is.

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Pound%20E%20-%20WhatIsMoneyFor.pdf

Peter Lewis with an idea on a peoples constitutional convention and where it may lead!

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Letter to the Editor By Ken Grundy

Dear Editor

I have noticed the publication from the Limestone Coast Local Health Network regarding Australia Day. It is similar to other efforts from various groups, both those bearing some aboriginal blood and others with no aboriginal ancestry.

My concern firstly is, what is an opinion on Australia Day to do with a body such as Limestone Coast Local Health Network? The relevance would be compared to the Chemist sharing his concerns with customers, about how many fowls per square metre should be permitted in the barns! There is no connecting relevance. It is in fact an abuse of their job description.

Critics of recognition of Australia Day celebrations should be driven from individuals or groups established for such a purpose.

Apart from the above, I ask the critics who emphasise unfortunate events which occurred during white settlement, to consider what better overall things should have occurred. In practical terms, what would they have done in the circumstances?

Further, have they any positive things to recognise which the white population has provided?

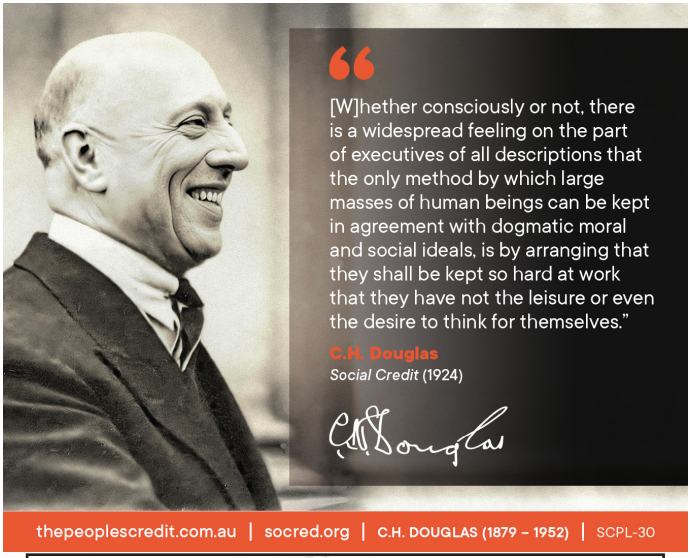
Have they any appreciation of:

- The developed agricultural system providing our food.
- The refrigeration technology which allows the food to be kept for more than a day or two.
- The clothing and housing for comfortable living.
- The roads and vehicles assisting travel.
- The communication facilities - phones, radio and television.
- The medical support for health and comfort.
- The list is endless.

All of the above have been established by the white population. Would anyone prefer these things not to have been provided?

It would appear to most in the wider community, that looking at the overall situation, it must have been a great day when the British arrived at Botany Bay.

Let us appreciate what we have today and give thanks to all who helped with the development. *Ken Grundy* Naracoorte SA January 26 2026 ***



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